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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - August 1964

I. GENERAL

The past month was unusually dramatic and hectic even for Saigon. August opened with the Tonkin Gulf affair, closely followed by Khanh's reorganization of the Government, soon canceled under the pressure of unchecked student-Buddhist demonstrations and riots. These latter manifestations took on at times the ugly character of a Buddhist-Catholic battle, and there was also in some areas an anti-American coloring. September opened with the situation quiet in the streets, but with the governmental structure extremely wobbly.

During the height of the riots, Americans were advised to remain in their homes and billets as much as possible, proceeding only to and from their places of work. At the end of the month, this advisory notice was lifted, but caution is still urged, and we are counseled against festive gatherings of more than a handful of people. A midnight to 4 a.m. curfew remains in effect.

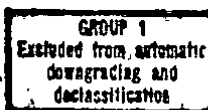
II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial

Starting on the 24th and continuing to date, we have been keeping watch on Radio Saigon from 0630 until 1830 hours local time, with Okinawa maintaining watch during the evening hours. Following the U.S. air attack on North Vietnam, we maintained extra coverage of Radio Hanoi for several days.

A total of 148 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Effective 2 August, the Bureau's locally hired personnel were placed on a 44-hour workweek, in accordance with a directive from the Ambassador to U.S. civilian agencies, and after securing Headquarters approval. To simplify pay procedures, a flat 10 percent pay increase was granted.

Shortly before, the Bureau's one foreign national employee, [redacted] had received a raise in pay by being placed on the Far East Foreign National Wage Scale rather than the former special scale for the Saigon Bureau. His oldest child, the only one of school age, has secured admission to the American Community School for the fall term, and his pay increase will serve to meet tuition fees.

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IV. VISITS

Miss Joann Lewinsohn, USIS, visited the Bureau en route to her new post at Phnom Penh. Her principal interest was in our monitoring of Radio Phnom Penh, and we had a valuable exchange of views.

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Chief, Saigon Bureau

Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report

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SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 SEPTEMBER 1964

Australia

English	Melbourne	is	0400-0410	daily	not Th	good	2
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Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	poor	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	poor	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao	0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"	0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French	0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao	0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French	2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese	0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)	0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"	1130-1200	"	"	poor	2
"	2330-2345	"	not Su	poor	2
Cambodian	1030-1045	"	daily	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French	0000-0100	irreg	irreg	poor	1
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Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand

Thai			0100-0130	irreg	irreg	fair	2
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Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French			2300-0000	irreg	irreg	poor	2
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Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0530-0615	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	poor	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" Th	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" Th	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	not Su	" ThFSu	poor	2

USSR

Cambodian	Moscow	is	1230-1300	TThSa	TThSa	fair	1
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Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese (D)	Hanoi VNA	n-s viet.	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0430-0500	"	"	fair	1
" (D)	" VNA	n-s viet	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	s viet.	1030-1100	"	" Su	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1130	"	daily	good	1
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	"	good	2
"	"	ds	2230-2300	"	not SS	fair	2
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" "	"	n-s viet	1300-1330	MF	MF	fair	2
English	"	is	1000-1030	daily	MF	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY twice-daily (Sunday, one) bulletins covered by scrutiny

English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2
Vietnamese	"	ds	0500-0515	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	0900-0905	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1